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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1885.

Annual meeting held at Chickering Hall, on the evening of Jan. 13th.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following Fellows of the Society were elected :

Simon W. Glazier, Walter Hubbard, Joseph Keane, Andrew G. Agnew, Horatio S. Brown.

Messrs. Gilliodts Van Severen, of Bruges, Belgium, and Harrison J. Brownlee, of Brandon, Manitoba, were elected Corresponding Members.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, was read, showing a cash balance to the credit of the general fund of \$264.95, and to the credit of the permanent fund one of \$5,601.36.

The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The annual report of the Council was then presented and read, as follows :

New York, Jan. 12, 1885. Since the last annual report six regular and two special meetings of the Society, and seven stated and five special meetings of the Council, have been held. At the annual meeting, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, 1884, the Rev. C. C. Tiffany, D.D., delivered a lecture entitled : "Norway and the Midnight Sun."

On January 24th, Mr. Edward L. Wilson, of Philadelphia, delivered a lecture entitled : "Exploration of Petra, Arabia."

On February 18th, Mr. Albert G. Browne, Jr., read a lecture on "The Growing Power of Chile in the Pacific."

On March 31st, Chief-Justice Daly, President, delivered the annual address on "Recent Developments in Central Africa and the Valley of the Congo."

On April 25th, Gen. James Grant Wilson delivered a lecture entitled : "Memorials and Footprints of Columbus."

On November 10th, Lieut. Shufeldt, U. S. N., delivered a lecture entitled : "Madagaskara, the Land of Sindbad the Sailor."

On November 21st, a special meeting was held for the reception of Lieut. A. W. Greely and his surviving companions in the exploration of the Arctic.

Addresses were made by Chief-Justice Daly, Lieut. Greely, Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock, D.D., Gen. Egbert L. Viele, and Prof. Theodore W. Dwight.

On December 12th, Lieut. Frederick Schwatka, U. S. Army, delivered a lecture entitled : "Alaska and Exploration along the Yukon River."

All of the lectures were illustrated with stereopticon views.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, shows a balance in the general fund of \$264.95, and balance in the permanent fund \$5,601.36.

The publications of the Society have been regularly distributed to its Fellows and correspondents.

These publications are in great demand.

The Library and Map-Rooms of the Society have been enriched by many very valuable publications.

The additions for the year amount to 843, including books, maps, charts, and atlases.

The State Survey, which owes its existence to the initiative of the Society, has continued its labors during the year, making good progress and affording satisfactory results.

WILLIAM REMSEN,
Chairman of Council.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report :

To the American Geographical Society :

The Nominating Committee appointed to select officers to fill vacancies, under resolution of the Society, passed at its meeting Dec. 12, 1884, respectfully report the selection of the following

nominees for election in accordance with Chapter V., Section 2, of the By-Laws :

For President—Charles P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1886.

For Vice-President—George W. Cullum, U. S. Army, term to expire January, 1888.

For Foreign Corresponding Secretary—J. Carson Brevoort, Esq., term to expire January, 1888.

For Treasurer — George Cabot Ward, Esq., term to expire January, 1886.

For Councillors—W. H. H. Moore, Isaac Bernheimer, D. O. Mills, Paul B. Du Chaillu, Charles H. Baldwin, terms to expire January, 1888.

HENRY W. DUNSHEE, *Chairman.*

JOHN MAC MULLEN,

JOHN D. JONES,

Nominating Committee.

NEW YORK, January 7, 1885.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the Society proceeded to a ballot, which resulted in the unanimous election of the nominees.

The President then introduced to the meeting Prof. F. H. Cushing, of the Smithsonian Institution, who delivered part of an address entitled : “ The Discovery of Zuñi ; or, The Ancient Provinces of Cibola and the Seven Lost Cities.”

Prof. Cushing gave a very curious and interesting account of these Indians, among whom he had lived for several years, learning their language and studying their customs ; but, while yet in the middle of his subject, he was seen to turn very pale and his utterance, becoming indistinct, all at once failed. A physician present hastened to his aid and removed him from the hall. Judge Daly then took up the lecturer’s manuscript and pursued the reading for a half hour, when Prof. Cushing returned, entirely recovered from the attack of vertigo, and finished his address with great animation, to the instruction and gratification of the meeting. The illustrations by the stereopticon were effective.

Thanks were voted to the speaker, and, on motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of February 26th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following were elected Fellows of the Society :

J. H. Hewson, W. H. Granberry, Wm. H. Lane, A. D. Juilliard, Frank M. Freeman, Wallace D. Barkley, Albert Storer, Wm. Henry Rudkin, Wm. Lanman Bull, D. E. Mackenzie, Rev. C. C. Tiffany, Rudolph Keppler, Robbins Little, T. Wolfe Tone, Chas. S. Horner, Jr., J. R. Quinby, Wm. C. Church, Saml. T. Knapp, Jr., Elias L. Frank, Fredk. N. Lawrence, Henry C. Valentine, William Runkle, Ed. B. Merrill, Geo. S. Morison, A. Rouffignac, Ovide Dupré (Life).

The President then introduced Mr. David Dudley Field, who read a paper on "The Nomenclature of Cities and Towns in the United States." Mr. Field took the ground that there was a lack of fitness and significance in the names common in this country ; and he advocated a return to the native names and the substitution of the original "Manhattan" for "New York."

The thanks of the meeting were voted to the speaker, and he was requested to furnish a copy of his paper for publication.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of March 19th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The President introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Ernest Ingersoll, who delivered an interesting lecture entitled : "How the Settlement of North America has Affected its Wild Animals."

The thanks of the meeting were voted to the lecturer, and a copy of his paper was requested for publication.

Mr. Elial F. Hall offered resolutions urging upon the Legislature the purchase of lands for the proposed Niagara Park.

The resolutions were adopted as the sense of the Society.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of April 11th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following Fellows were elected :

Wm. Henry Post (Life), George Bowland.

Capt. Bedford Pim, R.N., was elected a Corresponding Member.

Judge Daly then introduced to the meeting ex-Gov. John W. Hoyt, of Wyoming, who delivered a lecture, illustrated by stereopticon views, on "Wyoming : Its Resources and Wonders."

The thanks of the Society were voted to the speaker, and a motion to adjourn was then carried.

Meeting of May 28th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following Fellows were elected :

J. Federico Elmore, Russell Sturgis, Frank F. Barnard, George A. Parker, Julius Sachs.

Judge Daly then introduced to the meeting the Hon. Eugene Schuyler, who delivered a lecture on "The Turcomans and the Russian Advance."

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed, and the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of November 13th, held at Chickering Hall.

Chief-Justice DALY in the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following Fellows were elected :

George R. Gibson, Wm. T. Innes, Geo. Francis Nelson, George T. Bliss, Wm. R. Schmelzel, Edward S. Dakin, J. R. Planten, Geo. G. De Witt, Jr., E. S. Auchincloss, N. D. C. Hodges, Henry L. Slote, S. Franklin Stanton, Walton Storm, Lawrence Turner, Robt. W. Burnet, C. E. Cady, C. H. Adams, Chas. E. Pell, J. L. Halsey, Saml. E. Fairfield.

Judge Daly then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. William Bradford, who read a paper on "Life and Scenery in the Far North," illustrated with views from sketches and paintings by the lecturer.

At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks to the speaker was passed, and the Society, on motion, adjourned.